THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A new airport is proposed to be developed at Tura in Meghalaya.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Meghalaya has handed over the land to National Airports Authority (NAA). An amount of Rs.2.43 crores has been earmarked by NAA to be spent during the Eigth Plan period. The present cost estimates of this project is Rs.6.17 crores. The NAA would take up the project when the financial resources are identified.

Earnings of Janpath and Ranjit Hotels

4115. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC has earmarked about Rs. 20 crores for renovation and face-lift of certain five star or four star hotels during the year;

(b) whether the ITDC's Hotels, Janpath and Ranjit have been earning sufficient profits currently unit-wise with high rates of occupancy;

(c) whether elevators/lifts in the above two hotels are outdated and they have no central air-conditioning plants;

(d) whether customer services have been fastly deterorating without any effective action from the management;

(e) whether the management of the above two hotels are not directed to revamp these hotels to serve better and increase profitability with reputation; and

(f) if so, the details and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) For the year 1994-95, ITDC has drawn up a renovation programme for its hotels envisaging capital outlay of Rs.600 lakhs.

(b) As per provisional results for the year 1993-94, while hostel Janpath earned net profit of Rs.131.35 lakhs achieving 76% occupancy, Ranjit Hotel incurred a loss of Rs.72.26 lakhs and achieved occupancy of 41%.

(c) Though the elevators/lifts in both these hotels are old, these are maintained regularly to ensure satisfactory operation. These hotels do not have individual central air-conditioning plants.

(d) No Sir, the services provided in these hotels are of requisite standards.

(e) and (f) Though presently there is no proposal under consideration to change the profile of these hotels, necessary renovation/improvement works are undertaken to maintain the hotels upto acceptable standards.

Development of Tourist Potentials in Rajasthan

4116. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Rajasthan is potential State for tourist of difference interest;

(b) if so, the steps taken during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 (till todate) for development of the tourist potentials of Rajasthan;

(c) whether there is any rise in foreign exchange earning as far as Rajasthan is concerned; and

(d) whether any target set for more foreign exchange earning during the Eigth Plan Period for rich State like Rajasthan from tourists' attraction point of view and also out of a total target of Rs.10,000 crore set by Government of India for the turn of century, as reported in the 'economic Times' New Delhi, dated 7th August, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is a continuous process. 32 schemes/projects amounting to Rs.413.74 lakhs have been

sanctioned to the Government of Rajasthan in 1992-93 and 1993-94. The Central Department of Tourism on the specific request of the State Government has listed 11 projects for financial assistance in 1994-95.

(c) and (d) The Central Department of Tourism estimates foreign exchange earnings from tourism, on a country basis and not on an individual state basis.

Promotion of Tourism

4117. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to promote travel and tourism in India; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The promotion of tourism to India is an ongoing activity of the Department of Tourism. The various schemes that promote tourism include Advertising in the Print and Electronic Media, Production and distribution of Publicity material, Extending Support to Tour Operators and Travel Agents, Promoting Air-Chaters for Tourists participating in Fairs & Festivals, Promotion through direct Mail, Inviting Opinion Makers in the Travel Industry on Department's Hospitality Programme and Highlighting the tourist attractions of the country through films, multi-vision Presentations, Brochures and Posters.

Modernisation programme of airports in the country

4118. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether modernising in traffic services at the two international airports (Delhi & Bombay) is going on as per Schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be completed;

(c) whether modernisation programme for some specific airport has also been taken up, if so, which are those airports; and

(d) which are the airports in the country where upgradation work has been undertaken and by when the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All the works excepting the Civil works pertaining to Control Tower at Bombay airport are progressing as per schedule. The civil work for Control Tower at Bombay is slightly behind schedule and all efforts are being made to accelerate it. The project is expected to be completed by October, 1995.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The names of airport and civil enclaves which are being upgraded/modernised is at Annexure.

[See Appendix 171, Annexure no. 69]

एयर इंडिया, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और वायुदूत द्वारा पुराने विमानों का प्रचालन

4119. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इंडियन एयरलाइन्स, एयर इंडिया और वायुदूत के पास कितने प्रकार के विमान हैं और उनमें से प्रत्येक विमान की यात्री क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) उनके रख-रखाव के लिए क्या-क्या सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं और देश के लाभप्रद और घाटे वाले विमान-मार्गों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) विमान-मार्गों से कुल कितना घाटा हुआ और उहें लाभप्रद बनाने के लिए क्या उपाय किए गए हैं;

(घ) उपयोग में लाए जा रहे ऐसे विमानों की संख्या कितनी है जो दस वर्ष से भी अधिक पुराने हैं;

(ङ) ऐसे विमानों की संख्या और ब्यौरा क्या है जो अपनी निर्धारित प्रचालन अवधि पूरी कर चुके हैं;

(च) क्या उनमें से कोई विमान अभी भी उड़ान कार्य कर रहे हैं; और